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Briefing Sheet for the Chairman, JCS on a report to be considered at the JCS meeting, 12 Sept 61.

Subject: JCS 1907/566 - Early Shipment of Materiel to Europe (C)

Background - To prepare for the Berlin contingency, it appears that certain actions should be taken now by the Army to move materiel to Europe in anticipation of a decision by the Secretary of Defense to move additional divisions to Europe. These tonnages would include those portions of Theater Force No. 3 now available in the CONUS which can be stored at existing facilities in Europe. The shipping requirement to reinforce US Army units in Europe and to move 2 additional divisions amounts to approximately 42 per cent of the total shipping requirement for the reinforcement and a six-division force. If positive action is to be taken to improve the capability of units now in Europe and prepare for the movement of additional divisions to Europe, this tonnage estimated to be in excess of 150,000 tons, should be shipped as soon as possible. Items to be shipped now should be selected on the basis of maximum bulk in order to reduce follow-on shipping requirements.

Current Report - Discusses the above actions which can be taken now to reduce the impact on sealift capability and USCINCEUR's ability to receive forces and materiel if the decision is made to move additional divisions to Europe.

Service Comments - The Services are expected to support the report as written.

Comments and Recommendations - The Director, J-4 recommends that the Chairman, JCS support the paper as written.

Approved by _____ Director, J-4

Opinion as to Recommendation:

Director, Joint Staff _____ (concurs) (nonconcurs)

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